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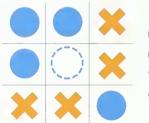
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SPECIAL EDITION

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HERE IN
MASSACHUSETTS
WE HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY.

As land consumption grows at more than six times the rate of population growth, saving the landscapes and landmarks that define our communities may be compared to a game of tic-tac-toe. We know that we cannot possibly save every undeveloped acre in the state, but now is the time to decide which pieces of the Massachusetts landscape should be placed in a of protection, before they are lost to the of development.

Thousands of acres hang in balance, right now. It is up to each of us to determine the fate of our landscape and it is no longer conservation business as usual. We must pull every human and financial resource together. In fact, we must work to redefine the "conservation community" as inclusive of every citizen in Massachusetts, eliminating barriers of language, age, race, and socioeconomics. The Trustees aim to make saving special places relevant to everyone.

Today The Trustees of Reservations are launching the public phase of a \$50 million capital campaign called *Landscapes & Landmarks*. This unprecedented fundraising effort will provide us the financial capacity to accelerate the rate of land conservation in Massachusetts, engage and inspire the conservationists of tomorrow, and continue caring for our growing network of reservations in the best possible way.

And we are well underway. We have raised more than \$46 million toward this goal, thanks to the outstanding generosity of people who believe that The Trustees of Reservations can truly make a difference!

But there is a second, equally critical piece of *Landscapes & Landmarks*. We need this capital campaign to inspire people who have never given to The Trustees or to land conservation to join us! *Be counted!* For the next 12 months, we will reach out in publications and on our properties asking our visitors and members to support this campaign. With your help, we will reach our ambitious goal by July 2006.

In this issue of the newsletter we make the case for our capital campaign alongside our recent good work. Beginning on PAGE 3 we explain why this is a critical point in the history of the Massachusetts landscape, and continue this story throughout the newsletter. Indeed, this is a special edition of *Special Places* for a very special time.

The Landscapes & Landmarks campaign will ensure that our children—and our children's children—will have places to connect with nature: woods to wander through, beaches to enjoy, and trails to hike. But this campaign cannot be successful without your support. We need your help today in order to protect the Massachusetts landscape for tomorrow.

Now, it's your move!

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Andy Kendall EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ON THE COVER: The Great Mars on the Crane Estate, Ipswich

Since 1891, The Trustees of Reservations have been saving the Massachusetts landscape for people to enjoy. From the mountains of the Berkshires to the beaches of Cape Cod and the Islands, our conservation work has helped protect more than 53,000 acres. We care for 23,628 acres on 95 reservations and we inspire the next generation of conservationists through our educational programs. We are a nonprofit organization supported by our 40,500 members

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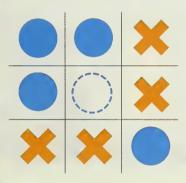
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"Buy land," an old wit once said, "because they're not making any more of it." Especially, as it happens, the beautiful kind. Today in Massachusetts, just three million acres remain up for grabs, half of them critically important, whether for their natural beauty or ecological value. In the near future, much of this land will be preserved or developed—either tucked safely in a circle of permanent protection, or lost forever to the indelible X of sprawl.

At The Trustees of Reservations, the moves we make in the next few years—to help save thousands of critical acres, to inspire generations of people to love the land, and to protect the treasures we already own—will shape the natural and cultural landscape of Massachusetts for many centuries to come.

When we lose the great natural gems of our common wealth, we lose them for good. This article, continued on the right side of the odd numbered pages of this newsletter, is an urgent invitation to join us today in saving them—for everyone, forever.



Kresge Foundation Challeng to Reach at Least \$50 Million

With your help we can secure a \$1.5 million grant

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS HAVE RECEIVED AN extraordinary \$1.5 million challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation, one of the most prestigious and discerning charitable organizations in the country.

"The selection by The Kresge Foundation is incredibly important to The Trustees—not just in terms of dollars, but in the demonstration of the Foundation's confidence that we are well-positioned to involve more and more people to meet the challenges facing the Massachusetts landscape," said Andrew Kendall, Executive Director. "This grant is a national endorsement of our leadership, vision, strategic planning, and our potential for membership growth."

The Kresge grant launches the public phase of the \$50 million Landscapes & Landmarks capital campaign, and is contingent upon engaging thousands of new supporters to reach the campaign goal by July 2006. The Trustees have raised \$46 million as of June 2005.

"The Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant is a powerful incentive for everyone to increase their involvement in The Trustees—for visitors to become members; members to become donors; and, for our generous supporters to go above and beyond," said Frannie Colburn, Campaign Co-Chair.

"Fifty million dollars is a very ambitious goal for The Trustees, and raising this support will be a major success for the conservation community in general," added Ted Ladd, Campaign Co-Chair. "But it is not just about the money—this campaign is about bringing new people into the organization. We have an opportunity to reach out and help people understand The Trustees of Reservations more fully



es The Trustees by July 2006

Landscapes

Since 1891, The Trustees of Reservation have shouldered a delightful responsibility. As guardians of the natural soul of Massachusetts, we have helped save the scent of fresh hay, the hot orange joy of maples in October, twilight forests precisely sugared with snow. Lemon light sifting through the very first leaves. The fleeting blush of a blooming orchard. The warm stirring of cows. The cool quiet of a pond at morning. Castles and sand castles. Grand granite hillsides and delicate pieces of history. A fox who is surprised to see you.

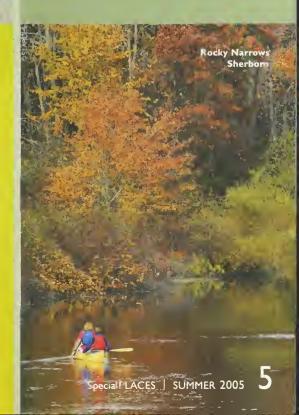
With nearly 100 properties across Massachusetts, we care for more precious places than anyone besides the state itself, and have assembled one of the largest teams of conservation experts in the Commonwealth.

and to demonstrate what we can accomplish with their support."

If The Trustees reach at least \$50 million by July 2006, The Kresge Foundation will award \$1.5 million to be used toward some of The Trustees most important land conservation efforts as well as to make significant improvements to the way we will be able to serve you—our visitors and members.

One of our measures of success is how many of our members will participate. Every gift counts! *Now, it's your move.*

To learn how you can help us it let the Killesge Foundation
Challenge please visit www.thetrustees.org/itsyourmove.cfm
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National Historic Landmark

Preservation Effort

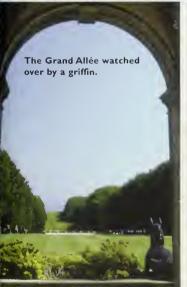
HIGH ABOVE THE WHITE SANDS OF CRANE BEACH IS A

National Historic Landmark: the 59-room brick and sandstone mansion, outbuildings and grounds that served as a summer home for the Crane family when they owned this magnificent 2,100-acre property. And, it's a fact that every conservation organization faces: the cost of caring for an extraordinary property like the Crane Estate is as extraordinary as the property itself.

Thanks to a very generous funding award, The Trustees of Reservations can implement critical restoration and preservation projects that are many years in the planning. The Trustees have







received a \$500,000 Challenge Grant for the Great House at the Crane Estate. This grant will enable The Trustees to renew key elements of the building's infrastructure, including the water distribution system and fire hydrants, and will provide a museum-quality fire alarm system. These funds, from an anonymous donor, have been offered in the form of a one-to-one challenge grant—each dollar must be matched by an additional dollar donation—to encourage other people to support the work that needs to be done at the Crane Estate.

"We are thrilled to receive this anonymous grant for the Crane Estate. It provides an essential foundation for our preservation and restoration efforts and an exciting springboard for our fundraising campaign," said Augusta Stanislaw, member of The Trustees' Board

of Directors and Co-Chair of the Crane Estate Committee. "The Crane Estate is an inspirational, historically-significant, fragile and beautiful complex that is close to many people's hearts. It needs public support to help to preserve its fabric, to provide exemplary stewardship and to foster outreach to the public at large."

According to Jim Younger, Director of Structural Resources, "In many ways, the human body is a good metaphor for a building and its systems. Just as time affects our development, health and mortality, the health of buildings is also affected by time. The challenge grant for the Great House at the Crane Estate is vitally important to the renewed health of this 80-year-old gem."

This project is part of a collection of initiatives at the Crane Estate to better serve the public and provide the highest standard of care for this magnificent property. To learn how you can help meet this challenge, please contact Tricia Aldrich, Director of Northeast Campaigns at taldrich@ttor.org or call her at 978/921-1944 x1880.

From finance to fences, ecology to education, pruning to public relations, we have developed practical expertise in everything it takes to acquire and manage rare places and keep them open to everyone.

And that's good, because we face a very serious challenge.

Massachusetts is already the third most densely populated state, right behind New Jersey and Rhode Island. Yet in terms of conservation, the problem is not so much how fast our population is growing; it's the rate at which we're consuming the landscape. With the population expanding at just half a percent a year, Massachusetts shouldn't have a land shortage, but we are losing open land more rapidly than most other states.



The Lynches

have a combined

42 YEARS

of experience

working at

Crane Beach.

Summers at Crane Beach—it's a Family Affair

▲ John, Chris, and Gina Lynch thrive on the interaction they have with visitors. If you see one of the Lynches at Crane Beach this summer, be sure to say hello.

NEARLY ONE MILLION PEOPLE VISIT THE Trustees of Reservations' 95 properties each year, with 250,000 annual visitors to Crane Beach alone. In order to provide exemplary service

to these visitors during our peak months, our staff numbers swell with the tide of visitation. Across the state we employ as many as 400 seasonal staff, from historic house guides to rangers.

For the four members of the Lynch family, working summers at Crane Beach is a great way to spend time outside—it's also a way to spend time with the fami-

ly. The Lynches have a combined 42 years of experience working at Crane Beach in a variety of positions, from gate attendant to lifeguard.

John Lynch, athletic director at North Shore Technical High School (NSTHS), spends his summer months as coordinator of emergency response at Crane Beach. His wife, Gina, who also works at NSTHS during the school year, works in the beach membership kiosk. Both of their sons started working at Crane Beach at the age of 14. Chris, a psychology student at UMass Lowell, is a gate attendant—the busiest job at Crane Beach.

And prior to moving to California, Chris' older brother, Corey, worked as a Crane Beach life guard for nearly a decade.

"This family epitomizes the best of our summer staff," said Peter Pinciaro, Superintendent of the Crane Estate. "They know the seven mile beach and its 2,100-acre land-scape inside and out, and they always make an extra effort to

be sure that our visitors have an enjoyable experience."

With most visitations to our reservations taking place between Memorial Day and Labor Day, it is critical that we have experienced and dedicated seasonal staff like the Lynch family to ensure the highest level of service for our visitors and care for our properties.



work on the Crane Estate.

Archival Treasures Can Give You the Answer

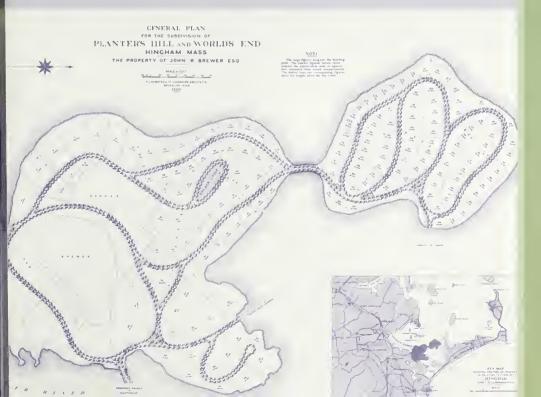
HAVE YOU EVER STOOD LOOKING OUT OVER A beautiful Trustees landscape and wondered how it came to look as it does? Well, the answer to that and many other questions about our properties can be found in the thousands of documents, photos and maps that comprise The Trustees' archives.

Take World's End, for instance. Have you ever wondered why there are so many curving roads lined with trees that don't appear to serve any particular purpose but are one of the chief beauties of that reservation? A special piece in The Trustees' archives—a plan on paper mounted on linen that measures 4.5 x 6 feet—explains it all.

The piece is titled GENERAL PLAN FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF PLANTER'S HILL AND WORLD'S END (SHOWN BELOW) and was prepared in 1890 by Frederick Law Olmsted for the owner of World's End Farm, wealthy Bostonian John Brewer. The plan shows a total of 163 building lots of various size with access provided by a system of gently curving, tree-lined roads.

We can be grateful that the Brewer family, for whatever reason, chose not to fully implement Olmsted's plan for the 163 houses. But the portions of Olmsted's plan that were carried out—the curving roads lined with trees—are what characterize the property today and give it such beauty. And because Olmsted's plan is in The Trustees' archives, we understand how the landscape came to look as it does.

The Trustees have 95 reservations and connected to each are hundreds of documents, plans and maps that aid our stewardship and enrich our understanding of the properties and their past. They hold the answers to many questions and are an invaluable treasure. In many ways, preserving these archives is as important as conserving the landscapes they define.





As fast as we can, wherever the right opportunities arise, The Trustees are working to increase the tens of thousands of acres already under our protection—through both new and expanded reservations, and conservation restrictions we hold. Yet given the pace of new development, we cannot possibly do enough alone. We need partners—from state agencies, to local land trusts, to bold, imaginative individuals who believe that even the grandchildren of our grandchildren should have a place to take a walk



The Threat

In Massachusetts, more than twice as much land has been developed since 1950 than in the previous 300 years.



Your move will help us save critical landscapes and habitats that remain unprotected.



IF YOU GO TO CRANE BEACH ON A HOT SUMMER DAY, YOU will likely see flocks of people sunning themselves in the sand and playing in the waves. You may also see flocks of small birds using the

beach, for Crane Beach is part of the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network-one of the locations vital to the migration of migratory shorebirds.

More than 20 species of migratory shorebirds rely on Crane Beach for their survival, with sanderlings, semipalmated plovers, and semipalmated sandpipers being the most common. During the summer these birds migrate thousands of miles from their breeding grounds in the artic tundra to their wintering grounds in Central and South America. They conduct their migration in a series of long hops with critical

rest stops, or staging areas, along the way. Staging areas provide them a place to rest and store up energy for the next leg of their journey. For the birds departing Crane Beach, this can mean up to a 2,000 mile nonstop flight over the Atlantic Ocean.

A flight of this length takes much preparation even for a bird, which is why their stay at Crane Beach is critical to their migratory success. Throughout their two week stay, the shorebirds spend most of

> their time feeding on the plentiful invertebrates present in the tidal mudflats, gaining weight and storing up the energy needed to continue their journey. When not eating they rest and preen, preparing their feathers for the long haul to come.

They begin appearing in mid-July and continue through October, with their numbers peaking in the thousands at the same time visitation to the beach is highest-the hot month of August. By season's end, more than 15,000 migrants will have visited Crane Beach. While they spend most of their

time in the tidal flats, they congregate on the beach during high tide when their feeding ground is flooded. This is when they come into contact with people, and when the success of their migration is most at risk.



More than 20 species of migratory shorebirds rely on Crane Beach for their survival. Frequent disturbances from people visiting the beach can cause the birds to fly an additional 4.5 miles each hour, which can impact their migration.

Imagine combing your hair with a pair of tweezers! Birds devote much of their time caring for their feathers—the intricate structures that provide insulation and lift. Avoiding beachgoers interferes with this behavior. ABOVE: a semipalmated plover takes a bath. RIGHT: a sanderling preens its breast feathers.



"A beach walker disturbing a flock of birds might think nothing of his actions, but disturbances take their toll on these migratory shorebirds," said Franz Ingelfinger, Northeast Regional Ecologist at The Trustees. "Through frequent disturbances these birds use valuable energy when they should be resting, preening, and conserving energy."

Recent studies at Massachusetts beaches have demonstrated that in some locations shorebirds can be disturbed over a dozen times and fly an additional 4.5 miles each hour. "Some birds actually lose weight over their two week feeding and resting period," said Ingelfinger. "Frequent disturbances mean these birds might not have the fuel reserves required to complete their migration."

Most shorebird species are declining from a one-two punch: habitat loss from coastal development along staging areas and recreational competition during peak migration periods. In some cases, populations have declined by 80 percent. At The Trustees of Reservations, we are doing our part by managing Crane Beach to accommodate the shorebirds that rely on its resources.

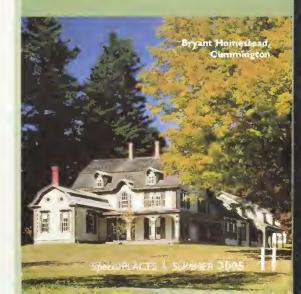
In addition to protecting key high tide resting areas with symbolic fencing, we have conducted studies examining the frequency and cause of shorebird disturbance at Crane Beach. We have started building shorebird awareness through presentations and programs, such as the successful Great Marsh Lecture Series held at the Crane Estate over the winter. We are also working with visitors to educate them about bird etiquette, and why limiting disturbances to migratory shorebirds is vital to their survival.

"Crane Beach has always been managed for conservation and recreation—wildlife and people," said Ingelfinger. "The fewer disturbances these birds experience during their layover at Crane Beach, the more successful they will be. Educating beach goers about migratory shorebirds, why this area is important, and how they can limit their impact is half the battle."

Landmarks

For centuries, human beings have had their hands on every inch of the Massachusetts landscape, turning it from forest to farmland and back again, from an endless wilderness to a thriving civilization periodically interrupted by trees. In Massachusetts, human beings and the landscape are of each other, inextricably interwoven to form the tapestry of our long history together. Which is why it makes sense that The Trustees of Reservations own historic structures and gardens, including four National Historic Landmarks—more than any agency anywhere besides the National Park Service. Our buildings help tell the story of the land, and vice versa.

If you live in Massachusetts, you learn to revel in what nature throws your way—the hot, the wet and the frosty. But for our historic buildings, and for the books, letters, paintings, photographs, furniture, ceramics, and archives they hold, the simple facts of the local climate are a threat to their very survival. For a place with so much history, Massachusetts is a hard place



Saving the Irreplaceable:

Million Grant to Protect Westport Coastal Lands



THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS RECEIVED A GRANT OF \$1 million from the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) Program to protect 96 acres of pristine coastal lands on Buzzards Bay. The funds are part of a \$7 million criminal fine paid to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service by the Bouchard Transportation Company. On April 27, 2003, a tanker operated by Bouchard spilled an estimated 98,000 gallons of fuel oil into Buzzards Bay-a federallydesignated 'Estuary of National Significance' and a state 'Ocean Sanctuary.' The spill polluted 93 miles of coastline, killed a recorded 461 birds, and shut down thousands of acres of shellfish beds. The oil spill reduced the habitat quality of Buzzards Bay for migratory birds, resident birds, marine animals, coastal vegetation and coastal

The NAWCA grant will be used by The Trustees and the Westport Land Conservation Trust to purchase a conservation restriction on the 96-acre Chapin White Farm in Westport, one of the largest undeveloped riverfront parcels remaining on the East Branch of the Westport River. The former dairy farm includes approximately 3,250 feet of frontage on the river and more than 22 acres of brackish tidal marsh, which provides vital habitat for hundreds of species of birds and marine organisms.

"This is an extraordinary property in terms of its natural resources," said Anthony Cucchi, The Trustees' Southeast Land Protection Specialist. "Thanks to Chapin and Ruth White's generous offer to sell a restriction on their farm for far less than what they might receive from a developer, these federal funds will go a long way in protecting one of Westport's most critical natural areas."

Additional costs for the project will be covered by The Trustees' Hix-to-Head Conservation Fund, established through generous donations to facilitate land conservation along the upper reaches of the East Branch of the Westport River.

conser	vation count	ACREAGE PROTECTED
LAND OWNED	95 reservations	23,697
LAND UNDER CR	235 parcels	15,304
ASSISTS*	98 projects	14,977
As of 3/31/05	TOTAL	53,978

^{*}Assists include land protected with or for The Trustees' partners as well as lands owned in fee by MLCT. This total may decline from time to time when certain MLCT properties are re-categorized as Trustees' properties or CRs.

PUBLIC ISSUES

Congress Threatens Drastic Reductions in Tax Benefits for Donors of Land

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS ARE PARTICIPATING IN A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN mounted by the Land Trust Alliance to protect critically-important tax incentives for individuals seeking to protect their land.

On January 27, 2005, the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) of the U.S. Congress made some drastic recommendations that would greatly reduce the tax benefits for gifts and bargain sales of conservation land and perpetual restrictions. The Committee recommends that:

- deductions for a conservation restriction be limited to no more than 33% of the restriction's appraised value;
- no deduction be allowed for a restriction on a property used by the taxpayer as a personal residence; and
- deductions for donations of property—including donations and bargain sales of real estate—be limited to the taxpayer's basis in the property, rather than its market value.

Highly critical news stories over the past two years concerning abusive claims by some taxpayers for charitable deductions, usually based on inflated valuations of real estate gifts, gave rise to the JCT investigation and report. However, the JCT recommendations go far beyond what is needed to address these abuses, and instead would nearly eliminate the tax benefits to most conservation donors. For many farmers, ranchers, timberland owners, and owners of highly appreciated land, such donations would not be financially feasible without these benefits.

"If Congress passes the JCT's recommendations, many conservation opportunities will be lost," said Wesley Ward, Director of Land Conservation. "Conservation organizations are working with the Land Trust Alliance to oppose the proposals which, as of April, had not been written into legislation."

Senator John Kerry sits on the powerful Finance Committee, the Senate's tax-writing body. The Trustees of Reservations have had an extensive conversation with his environmental aide to explain the negative implications of the far-reaching JCT proposals. We have also appealed to Governor Romney to communicate with the Bush Administration, GOP senators on the Finance Committee, and fellow governors, to highlight the potential negative impact of these proposals on land conservation efforts by state and municipal agencies. If you wish to help us re-emphasize these points more strongly when we see the actual Finance Committee bill, please join our email alert network by emailing publicissues@ttor.org.

The complete report may be found at www.house.gov/jct/s-2-05.pdf. The sections affecting land conservation efforts are items VIII-F and VIII-H. Updates on LTA activity and information on how you can help to defeat these proposals can be found online at www.lta.org/publicpolicy/ppc.htm. Please email publicissues@ttonorg with your comments and questions about this important issue.

to be an antique. And the problem of preservation is only magnified bour commitment to keeping these treasures as accessible to visitors and scholars as we possibly can

Today, we face the growing challenge of catalogung and conserving these precious objects before they succumb to the ravages of time. We have a range of exciting plans in place—from building extensive new digital archives, to establishing a comprehensive new climate-controlled collections center. But the long-term survival of our collections depends on the strategic investment of those who understand their value, in every sense of the word.



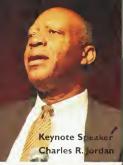
The Throat

By necessity, most of our collections are stored in the nooks and crannies where we found them—often stacked to the rafters, sometimes parked in bathtubs and barns.



Your move will help us rescue, conserve, and catalog precious objects and archives not currently on display and make them accessible in climate-controlled conditions.





Information and Inspiration:

The Annual Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference

ON A BRIGHT CRISP SATURDAY IN MARCH, THE TRUSTEES' PUTNAM CONSERVATION Institute (PCI) and the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition hosted 358 conservationists in Worcester for the 15th Massachusetts Land Conservation Conference.

At a time when state funding for conservation has declined drastically, the conference theme was Strategic Partnerships & Creative Financing. This annual day-long conference—the largest statewide gathering of land conservationists in the country—offered 26 workshops and roundtables on a wide variety of topics.

"This conference is always an inspiration for me," said Gary Howland, a participant from the Ashburnham Land Trust. "The sessions have significantly added to my effectiveness in land conservation. It's wonderful to be surrounded by like-minded people."

The keynote speaker for the conference was Charles R. Jordan, the board chairman of The Conservation Fund, a national nonprofit based in Arlington, VA that is working to preserve our nation's outdoor heritage. Mr. Jordan, the long time director of Portland, Oregon's immensely successful Bureau of Parks & Recreation, spoke passionately about "Broadening the Conservation Movement."

As an African American who grew up in segregated Texas in the 1940s and 50s, he told the audience how he found inspiration and solace in the woods where he played as a child because there were no separate entrances for people of different colors. "I'm so glad we're all the same color here at this conference," Mr. Jordan told the audience. "We're all green—and that's what matters."

Mr. Jordan also relayed a favorite Chinese proverb that says, "The time to influence the life of a child is 100 years before it is born." This concept can surely bring a smile to the faces of Trustees' volunteers and supporters whose organization has been conserving landscapes and landmarks since 1891.

About PCI

The Trustees established the Putnam Conservation Institute (PCI) in 2003 with the goal to "increase the capacity of the conservation community to protect, care for, and interpret the natural and cultural resources of Massachusetts." For more information about PCI go to www.thetrustees.org/putnamconservation institute.cfm. To get on PCI's mailing list, send an email to PCI Director Andrea Freeman at pci@ttor.org.

Upcoming PCI Workshops & Conferences

- September 2005: Conservation Restrictions:
 The Fundamentals of Stewardship and
 Administration Doyle Conservation
 Center, Leominster
- November 3, 2005: Managing Land & Visitors: Stewardship Challenges of Natural and Cultural Resources
 Doyle Conservation Center, Leominster
- January 2006: Informational Boot Camp
 For Land Trust Board Members
 Doyle Conservation Center, Leominster
- March 11, 2006: MA Land Conservation

 Conference Worcester













FISCAL 2005 WAS A MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR AS THE TRUSTEES SET RECORDS for Annual Giving support and membership dues revenue. Our sincere thanks to each of you for your thoughtful generosity!

Our Annual Giving Program raised well over \$2 million, with *The Charles Eliot Society* leading the way and providing \$1,046,000 of this total. Our thanks to Co-Chairs Peter Madsen and Janice Hunt for their leadership. *The 1891 Society*, ably led by Patricia Ternes and Hooker Talcott, provided more than \$485,000 in annual support. And most encouraging, we saw a nearly 37 percent increase in the support received from our *Conservation Council*. Our deepest thanks go out to all of our volunteer leaders and to everyone who spent evenings and weekends contacting Trustees supporters to request their continued generosity.

The fiscal year ending March 31, 2005 was also one of continued growth in our membership program, and while the rate of growth slowed from previous years, we finished the year with over \$2,500,000 in revenue and 41,300 members. The Trustees are most grateful to everyone who has so loyally and generously supported our efforts to conserve the Massachusetts landscape. We also extend our appreciation to members of the Membership and Volunteer Involvement Committee and our dedicated membership department volunteers—we couldn't do it without you!

New! Trustees Note Cards

This notecard set comes with 10 matte-finish cards and envelopes.

Each card features a full-color image of a different Trustees property.

Images include: Appleton Farms Crane Wildlife Refuge,

Bartholomew's Cobble, William Cullen Bryant Homestead,

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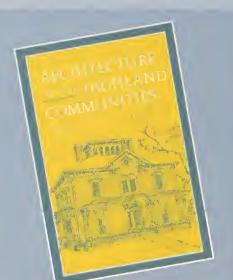
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Saving the irreplaceable

In Massachusetts, the defining conservation challenge now is the urgent race for space. Even a century ago, our founder, Charles Eliot, felt time was short to save the state's striking land-scapes. Today, it is not only big open spaces that are vanishing, but all the little ones that offer "elbow room." Towns that once clustered around their tidy centers march scatter-shot developments to their borders and beyond. Cars fill our highways nose to tail like an endless parade of irritable circus elephants. As a people, we need room to run, to think, to breathe as we never have before.

The Trustees bring to that challenge hands-on experience and a taste for bold ideas. A hundred years ago, we pioneered the land trust, and have helped lead the national land trust movement ever since. In the last



RAISING AWARENESS IN THE HIGHLANDS

we know. The more we understand about the natural and cultural landscape, the more acteristics of a place.

Initiative (HCI) has as a primary goal of increasing local awareness and appreciation of the cultural and natural resources of the Highlands region of Massachusetts—the 38 rural towns between the Connecticut and Communities, a 20-page, full color guide to the buildings of the region.

Bonnie Parsons, the guide provides images of high style and vernacular buildings in the Highlands from first settlement through the early 20th century. There is also an illustrated glossary of architectural terms.

The guide can be downloaded for free at. may order it from the Highland Communities Initiative, 413/268-8219, P.O. Box 253, Haydenville, MA 01039 for \$5.

STEWARDSHIP

Listening What makes ag

THE OLD ADAGE SAYS THAT YOU WILL NEVER KNOW IF YOU DO NOT ASK. So, we asked and asked and asked again—more than 500 times—and we listened to the answers. Now we know!

In the last few years, we have asked our visitors on Martha's Vineyard to tell us their thoughts about our properties. Surveys were done at all times of day and at many different locations; they were mailed to groups that use the properties, like the Martha's Vineyard Surfcasters Association and the Chappaquiddick Island Association. Now many of the answers are making our properties even better for you:

Visitors wanted more programs and increased access, so:

- A new boardwalk at Long Point provides easy, no-splinter access (we used Trex® recycled lumber for construction) to the walking trails on the west side of the property and to Tisbury Great Pond.
- Extended Refuge hours at Long Point mean you can enjoy the sunset or take a quick dip after work. And, there are even new solar showers so you can get that final rinse before heading home.
- New programs for families—warmly referred to as "Pond School" by the under-8 set-will be available at Long Cove Pond. Families can take part in ranger-led programs on a variety of topics and a new, shortened natural history tour will give visitors the opportunity to explore Tisbury Great Pond by kayak.
- A quest (a self-guided treasure hunt) is available at Menemsha Hills Reservation and another will debut this summer at Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge.
- Community-based education initiatives at Cape Poge will provide programs for local families through the community center and the beach club.

"What we try to provide is the ideal visit for our members and the public while finding ways to educate, inform and enlighten," said Chris Kennedy, Island Regional Director.

Above all, we keep our mission in the forefront—we preserve and protect special places for the public to enjoy while ensuring that what makes these places special is protected. So, we listen and learn from you and we share the stories of our properties with you so that, together, we enjoy—and care for—these special landscapes.







Visitors to Martha's
Vineyard wanted more
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boardwalk at Long Point,
extended visiting hours so
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and more fun things for
kids to do at the beach.



30 years, we have helped turn conservation restrictions from an abstruse legal concept into a crucial tool for open space protection. Today, we're leading precedent-setting public/private partnerships to save and manage precious land. In a real sense, we are conservation entrepreneurs.

One example: Appleton Farms, the second oldest continuously operating farm in America. The property came to us as a gift—and we turned it into an opportunity to create a model of community-supported agriculture. Local residents buy "shares" in the farm's operations and are rewarded with delectable dinner table dividends all summer long. We also reestablished a dairy program, giving families a rare chance to touch, taste, and smell real life on a working farm.

At the same time, The Trustees are anything but a go-it-alone organization For example, we recently helped rescue 13,600 critical acres near the rapidly growing surroundings of Fall River, Providence, and New Bedford. The deal depended on building active



OUR 70 MILES OF PROTES

Reservation

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE

Dike Road, Chappaquiddick Island, Martha's Vineyard 508/627-7689

COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE

Wauwinet Road, Wauwinet, Nantucket 508/228-5646

CRANE BEACH

Argilla Road, Ipswich 978/356-4354

LONG POINT

West Tisbury Road, West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard 508/693-3678

LOWELL HOLLY

South Sandwich Road Mashpee 508/679-2115

LYMAN RESERVE

Head of the Bay Road Plymouth 508/679-2115

WASOUE

Wasque Road, Chappaquiddick Island, Martha's Vineyard 508/627-7689

Features

This beach extends for 7 miles from Wasque Point past the Cape Poge Lighthouse, with 14 miles of over-sand vehicle and walking trails, plus beachfront. Moderate hiking.

Best known for its historic lighthouse, miles of white-sand beaches, and world-class fishing. More than 16 miles of over-sand vehicle trails. Beach provides nesting and feeding habitat for more than 2 dozen pairs of American oyster-catchers—more than any other site in Massachusetts!

More than 1,200 acres of beachfront, dunes, and maritime forest are managed for both recreation and conservation. Nearly 6 miles of trails traverse dunes and track the beachfront on both the Ipswich Bay and Essex River Estuary sides of the Castle Neck peninsula. Moderate hiking. Check out the webcam at www.thetrustees.org for current conditions.

This 632-acre property is part of a sand barrens ecosystem that exists in patches from New Jersey to Maine. In addition to the 1 mile of beachfront, a 2-mile trail leads through oak forest and savanna bordered by secluded coastal ponds: Big Homers, Long Cove, and Tisbury Great pond. Long Point offers the public valuable access to the south shore in an area of otherwise mostly private beaches.

Mashpee and Wakeby ponds are renowned for their exceptional fishing and swimming. Four miles of carriage paths and footpaths connect points of interest, including two small sandy beaches.

Formerly a private fishing camp dating back to 1867, the Theodore Lyman Reserve sits at the mouth of Red Brook on Buttermilk Bay. A 1.5 mile marked trail loop leads to Red Brook from the parking lot. A quarter-mile trail across Head of the Bay Road leads to a pebble beach on Buttermilk Bay.

Wasque was saved from development by a dedicated group of fishermen, land conservationists & nature lovers. This 200-acre property is part of a sand barrens ecosystem that exists in patches from New Jersey to Maine. There are 4.5 miles of walking trails and sandy roads in upland area. Wasque is a popular fishing beach.

Facilities

Picnic tables, bike rack, restrooms (May 30- Oct. 30). Fresh water is available by hand pump from nearby Wasque and Mytoi parking areas.

Public restrooms are located mid-way between the Wauwinet Gatehouse and Great Point Lighthouse as well as at the Great Point Lighthouse itself. Both are open May 1-Oct. 31. A bike rack is located at the Wauwinet Gatehouse.

In-season: Lifeguards and rangers, bike rack, bathhouses (with toilets and changing area), outside showers, picnic tables, Crane Beach Store (refreshments and merchandise), drinking water fountains (located outside the bathhouses), information kiosk, transportation for mobility-impaired and challenged visitors.

Public restrooms. Picnic tables. Bike rack. Small visitor center.

Parking is limited. Avoid arriving between 11AM and 1PM.

No facilities are available at this reservation.

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Public restrooms. Picnic tables. Bike rack. Soda machine at Wasque Gatehouse. Fresh water by hand pump in the parking area. Limited handicapped-accessible transportation; call 508/627-3255 for details.



CTED COASTLINE INCLUDE THESE 7 GREAT BEACHES

Hours

Open year-round, daily, 24 hours. 10PM to 5AM – fishing access only. Gatehouse open May 30-Oct. 15, daily, 9AM-5PM.

Open year-round, daily, 24 hours. 10PM to 5AM – fishing access only. Allow a minimum of three hours.

Open year-round, daily, 8AM to sunset.

June 15-Sept. 15: Mon.-Th., 9AM to 5PM (last admission at 5PM; gate closes at 6PM). Fri.-Sun. 9AM to 10PM (last admission at 8PM; gate closes at 10PM).

Sept. 16 to June 14: daily, sunrise to sunset. Allow a minimum of two hours.

Open year-round, daily, sunrise to sunset.

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Open year-round, daily, 24 hours.

10PM to 5AM - fishing access only.

Fees

May 30-Oct. 15: Members: FREE.

Nonmembers: Adult \$3, Child (15 & under) FREE.

Other times of year: FREE to all.

OSV permit required year-round for driving on beach. Please call for OSV permit information.

FREE to all pedestrians and boaters.

May 28-Sept. 6: Family members: \$5/car.
Nonmembers: \$22/car.

Visit WWW.THETRUSTEES.ORG for complete information on admission prices.

June 15-Sept.15: Members FREE to limit of membership level. Nonmembers \$10 per car plus \$3 per adult, pedestrian/bicyclist \$3, Children 15 and under FREE.

Sept. 16-June 14: FREE to all.

Year-round parking area: FREE to all. Seasonal parking area: Memorial Day through Labor Day. Members FREE. Nonmembers \$6 per car/motorcycle. Boat landing fee: Members FREE. Nonmembers \$6 for daily landing fee or \$40 for seasonal permit.

FREE to all.

May 30-Oct. 15: Members: FREE.

Nonmembers: \$3 per car plus \$3 per adult, \$3 per motorcycle plus \$3 per adult, Children (15 & under)

FREE. Other times of year: FREE to all.

working partnerships with many levels of government as well as local land trusts. Neither they nor we could have saved this crucial land alone.

Today, The Trustees are embarking on an ambitious, \$50 million capital campaign focused on the most pressing needs of the day – from protecting endangered farmland, to education and land acquisition aimed at reconnecting city dwellers with the natural world. We know what we need to do, and how to do it. All that remains, as Charles Eliot put it, is "for those who really desire the preservation of these places to come forward to their rescue at once."

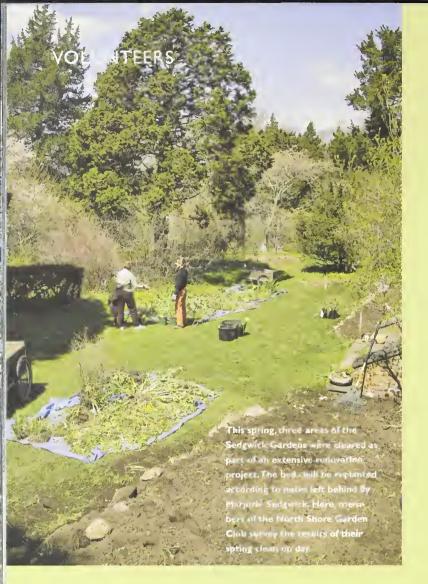


The Thread

Since 1945, Massachusetts has lost 1.5 million acres of farmland. Without land enough for crops and pasture, farming in Massachusetts will become no more than a memory.



Your move will help us help farmers protect their land permanently through tools such as conservation restrictions.



Volunteers Revitalize the Sedgwick Gardens at Long Hill

WITH NEARLY 24,000 ACRES ON 95 RESERVATIONS UNDER our care, The Trustees of Reservations rely on large numbers of volunteers to keep our properties looking their best. Whether it is weekly invasive species workdays at Bartholomew's Cobble or an extensive garden restoration, many of the projects undertaken by The Trustees would not be possible without the help of dedicated individuals who donate their time, energy and expertise.

Long Hill, home to one of the North Shore's most beautiful gardens, is a property that has benefited from decades of care from volunteers. This spring volunteers began to implement a long range vision and five-year program to restore the Sedgwick Gardens to their original glory.

"There comes a time when a garden must undergo a major transformation as plants mature and outlive their usefulness," said

Betty Stone, chair of the 12-person volunteer Long Hill Garden Committee. "For the Sedgwick Gardens, that time is now."

Betty has volunteered at Long Hill for more than 20 years, ever since discovering the Sedgwick Gardens while studying landscape design at Radcliffe. Betty used Long Hill as her outdoor study hall, and she has employed what she learned from the Sedgwick Gardens in her work as a residential landscape designer for more than 15 years.

The restoration of the Sedgwick Gardens will draw on a large number of volunteers, including Betty and the rest of the Garden Committee. Throughout the winter the Garden Committee studied the notes left behind by the original designers of the Sedgwick Gardens, and planned the stages of the restoration. Now, additional volunteers are putting the Garden Committee's plan into action.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from May through October, volunteers can work in the Sedgwick Gardens, removing invasive species that have moved into the garden beds, transplanting plants to other areas of the five-acre garden, pruning, weeding and otherwise making improvements. Each week the volunteers may tackle a variety of gardening tasks, some directly involved in the restoration, and over time will see the results of their hard work come into bloom.

"People who visit the gardens regularly will be able to witness a transformation, and might learn something they can apply to their own gardens at home," said Betty. "We hope that the restoration will be as great a learning experience for visitors as it is for the volunteers."

Those interested in volunteering at Long Hill should contact Superintendent Dan Bouchard at 978/921-1944.



Director of Volunteers Ready to Get Hands Dirty

The Trustees are pleased to announce the hiring of John F. Norris as our statewide Director of Volunteers.

John comes to The Trustees with 25-plus years of experience in human services management and nonprofit administration. As our Director of Volunteers, John will be working with Trustees staff and volunteers to provide direction and leadership in the development and implementation of statewide programs and practices designed to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for those who seek to become more involved in our mission.

We hope you will join us in welcoming John Norris to The Trustees of Reservations.

FIND YOUR PLACE

Visit Bartholomew's Cobble & The Colonel John Ashley House in Sheffield. One stop for both a National Natural Landmark and National Historic Site in the Berkshires.

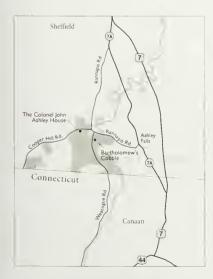
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A WAY TO EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING THE TRUSTEES' properties have to offer in one place, consider a trip to the Berkshire town of Sheffield. In one stop you can experience it all: natural and cultural history, educational and recreational opportunities, and one of the most majestic views around.

Bartholomew's Cobble is home to one of the most diverse and concentrated areas of native flora in the United States. Visitors to the Cobble are encouraged to hike, picnic, birdwatch, paddle, and enjoy the outstanding natural communities that earned the Cobble its designation as a National Natural Landmark.

More than 800 species of plants have been catalogued on the Cobble's 329 acres, including more than 500 species of flowering plants—an incredible amount of biological diversity for an area this size. Five miles of moderate to easy hiking trails connect such interesting features as the Ledges Interpretative Trail, which leads hikers to geological and ecological points of interest, and Hurlburt's Hill (PICTURED ON PAGE 3), which offers a magnificent view northward up the Housatonic River Valley.

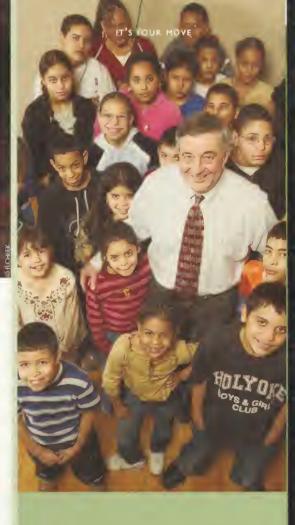
A half-mile hike on the Hal Borland Trail (or a short drive to parking lot on Cooper Hill Road) brings you to the historic Colonel John Ashley House, built in 1735. This nationally-important structure was the site of the 1773 drafting of the Sheffield Declaration, a petition against British tyranny. Featuring an outstanding collection of 18th-century furnishings and housewares, the Ashley House offers a rare glimpse of colonial life in Western Massachusetts.

Visit www.THETRUSTEES.ORG for more information about Bartholomew's Cobble and The Colonel John Ashley House, including opening dates and times.





From Rt. 7 south in Sheffield, turn right onto Rt. 7A and follow for .5 mi. Turn right onto Rannapo Rd. and follow for 1.5 mi. Turn right onto Weatogue Rd. to entrance and parking on left. From Rt. 7 north in Canaan, CT, turn left onto Rt. 7A and cross state border. Turn left onto Rannapo Rd. and follow for .8 mi. Turn left onto Weatogue Rd.



For everyone

With the irrepressible enthusiasm of true believers, The Trustees have always shared our passion for the natural world with anyone who would listen. We believe in connecting people and nature—and not just because we want to share what we love. Fundamentally, we see it as the only way to make certain that tomorrow has the passionate conservationists it will surely need.

A Bruce Thompson,
Director, Holyoke Boys &
Girls Club with fledgling
conservationists and the
Trustees' newest members

Raising the Next Generation of Conservationists at Little Tom Mountain

The Trustees Launch Partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke



EDGARDO RIVERA STANDS AT THE base of the former Mt. Tom Ski Area in Holyoke, and points to the ridgeline of the mountain. "Are there bears up there?" he wants to know. The rest of his group from the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke piles out of the bus around him, eager to find out what

Aimee Gelinas, The Trustees' Connecticut River Valley Education Coordinator, has in store for them.

Aimee has been working with this group from the Boys & Girls Club for several months, preparing them for the field trip. Her activities have focused on getting them out-of-doors, and encouraging an active interest in the natural side of their community.

Many of the kids can see the mountain from their neighborhood—known as "the Flats"—but have never been there. Over the next few years Aimee, and the children and staff from the Boys & Girls Club will explore Mt. Tom's fields, woods and streams, laying the framework for Little Tom Mountain Reservation. Through a range of year-round after school and vacation programs, The Trustees are helping them develop a personal link to the mountain and planting the seeds of a new generation of conservation leaders.

Little Tom Mountain is a 73-acre property acquired in 2002, part of a bold effort through which The Trustees, the Boys & Girls Club, and the State of Massachusetts conserved the 357-acre former Mt. Tom ski area. Although Little Tom Mountain cannot be opened as a public reservation until quarrying activities near the property come to an end, The Trustees' education and outreach programs for the Club are in full swing. For now, the children have the place to themselves.

"Our goal is to create a unique new reservation that is welcoming and accessible to a wide audience," explains Melanie Ingalls, The Trustees' Director of Education and Outreach. "Whether we're in Westport or Holyoke, The Trustees' approach to conservation is increasingly community-based. At Little Tom Mountain we have an opportunity to involve a diverse new constituency in enjoying and caring for a very special place in their community."

On this particular trip, the children are scouting the fields for plant and insect life. They examine leaves, bark, and bits of moss and enjoying comparing names for what they find in Spanish and English.

They are delighted to discover a salta monte (literally, "mountain jumper") and gather to watch the grasshopper crawl along Aimee's hand before leaping back into the field. By the close of the trip, it is clear that Edgardo has made a leap of his own.

"I didn't know all of this was so close to my home," he tells Aimee. "I can't wait to come back."

SEMPER VIRENS SOCIETY

Planned Giving for The Trustees

OUR BEST CHANCE

Sandy Saunders has a passion for the outdoors and has traversed miles of trails including many on Trustees' reservations. That commitment drew him to The Trustees where he served in volunteer leadership roles for more than 20 years—including Chairman. For Sandy



and his wife, Becky, The Trustees of Reservations represent "our best chance to save those remaining critical parcels of open land in Massachusetts before they are forever lost to the relentless onslaught of urban sprawl."

The Campaign goals resonate deeply. When asked to participate, the Saunders wanted to support The Trustees endowment and maximize their gift. Through The Trustees Pooled Income Fund they accomplished their goals:

- BUILDING THE FOUNDATION: The Trustees' endowment provides critical support for land protection and stewardship
- TAX BENEFITS: Donating low cost basis stock avoids capital gains taxes and provides a charitable income tax deduction
- LIFETIME INCOME: Long term growth in the fund can generate increased income and a greater gift to endowment
- SUPPORTING THE CAMPAIGN: The security of lifetime income enabled them to make a larger—and very generous—campaign contribution.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT WWW.THETRUSTEES.ORG/PG.CFM
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Today, we are making a significant statewide commitment to engage new partners in education. Why? Because fewer young people, especially in our cities, have a visceral sense that This Land is Their Land at all.

We want everyone to find the scents and sounds of nature as consoling and familiar as the voice of an old friend. We want children to know how to share a beach with piping plovers, how to follow the blazes on a trail, how to spend a whole day in the woods and leave only footprints. We want them to see the stars the way they looked before the streetlights stole their glory.

Crane Beach, Ipswich



SUMMER EVENTS!

JUNE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2005

Search for our events online—visit us at www.thetrustees.org

CAPE COD & THE ISLANDS

FOR EVENTS BELOW WITH*

* Transportation from the Chappy side of the Edgartown Ferry is available.

Daily, Memorial Day through Columbus Day 9AM and 2PM (Tour duration: 2.5 hours)

NATURAL HISTORY TOURS*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD 508/627-3S99

Travel by oversand vehicle across the remote sands of Chappaquiddick to the Cape Poge Lighthouse and beyond. Learn about barrier beach ecology, wildlife and property history. Members: Adult \$30, Children (15 and under) \$15, Nonmembers: Adult \$35, Children \$18

Daily, June through October | 9:30AM and 1:30PM (Tour duration: 2.5 hours)

NATURAL HISTORY TOUR

COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE, NANTUCKET S08/228-6799

Join our naturalist guide on an oversand vehicle tour through Coskata-Coatue Wildlife Refuge. Witness Nantucket's most expansive salt marsh, learn about the geology, ecology and history of this special place and climb the Great Point Lighthouse for an incredible "birds eye" view. Members. Adult \$30, Children (12 and under) \$15, Nonmembers Adult \$40, Children \$15.

Daily, Memorial Day through Columbus Day 8:30AM and 1:30PM (Tour duration: 4 hours)

FISHING DISCOVERY TOUR*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD \$08/627-3\$99

Travel by oversand vehicle to the legendary fishing beaches at Wasque Point and Cape Poge. Learn how to surf fish and read the waters with a skilled fishing guide. All equipment is included. Members only: Adult \$60, Children (15 and under) \$25 Special membership offer available





Daily, Memorial Day through Columbus Day | 9AM and 2PM (Tour duration: 2.5 hours)

WILDLIFE KAYAK OR CANOE TOUR*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE

CHAPPAQUIDDICK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD 508/627-3599

Paddle by canoe or kayak with a naturalist guide through Pocha Pond and Cape Poge Bay. See ducks, ospreys, cormorants, and perhaps a great blue heron!

Members: Adult \$30, Children (15 and under) \$15, Nonmembers: Adult \$35, Children \$18.

Daily, Memorial Day through Columbus Day 9AM, I 2NOON & 2PM (Tour duration: I.5 hours)

CAPE POGE LIGHTHOUSE TOUR*

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD S08/627-3S99

Travel by oversand vehicle to the historic and remote Cape Poge Lighthouse. Learn about the fascinating history of the lighthouse and the keepers and their families who lived there. Members: Adult \$15, Children (15 and under) \$10, Nonmembers: Adult \$20, Children \$12.

Daily, Memorial Day through Columbus Day 9AM through 5PM

(Tour duration: 4 or 8 hours)

POCHA POND SELF-GUIDED DISCOVERY TOUR

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD S08/627-3S99

Paddle on your own by canoe or kayak through Pocha Pond. Follow a self-guided map that highlights points of interest in the area including osprey, salt marshes, grassland restoration and much more. Members only: 4 hours. \$25, or 8 hours \$35 per canoe or kayak.

Daily, June 15 through September 15 8:30AM, 11AM, and 1:30PM (Tour duration: 1.5 hours)

WILDLIFE DISCOVERY TOUR

LONG POINT WILDLIFE REFUGE, WEST TISBURY, MARTHA'S VINEYARD S08/693-7392

Explore Tisbury Great Pond by canoe or kayak. Learn basic paddling techniques, local ecology, and natural history of Long Point Wildlife Refuge. Leaves from special tours-only parking area, off-season entrance gate located at the end of Deep Bottom Road. Members: Adult \$15. Children (15 and under) \$10, Nonmembers: Adult \$20. Children \$10.

Daily, June through October | IPM-2PM OPEN LIGHTHOUSE

GREAT POINT LIGHTHOUSE, COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE, NANTUCKET 508/228-6799

The lighthouse is open! Trustees members are invited to climb the Great Point Lighthouse and enjoy the view, while learning about its history. Transportation to Great Point is not provided. Members only. FREE.

Wednesdays, June 29, July 13, 27 & August 10, 24 | 9AM-12NOON

MYTOI GARDEN VOLUNTEER DAYS

MYTOI GARDEN, CHAPPAOUIDDICK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD S08/693-7662

Volunteers needed to prune, weed, and help maintain Chappy's Japanese Garden. FREE and

Every Wednesday & Saturday in July and August | IPM

PONDSIDE PROGRAMS AT LONG COVE POND

LONG COVE POND AT LONG POINT WILDLIFE RESERVATION, WEST TISBURY, MARTHA'S VINEYARD S08/693-7392

Long Point naturalists will present a weekly nature program for families. Topics change weekly and may include animal tracking, a seaside scavenger hunt, birds, and sand study.

Wednesday, July 20 | 7-9PM Thursday, August 18 | 6:45-8:45PM

MOONLIGHT PADDLE ON **TISBURY GREAT POND**

LONG POINT WILDLIFE REFUGE, WEST TISBURY, MARTHA'S VINEYARD 508/693-7392

Explore the pond in a new light! Watch the sunset and the moonrise, learn about moon fore and look and listen for nocturnal wildlife. Reservations are required, program is weather permitting. Members \$40, Nonmembers \$45.

Tuesdays in July and August | Times vary depending on sunset (Tour duration: 2 hours)

SUNSET AT GREAT POINT

COSKATA-COATUE WILDLIFE REFUGE, NANTUCKET 508/228-6799

oin our guide on this special oversand vehicle tour to the Great Point Lighthouse and experience the island's most magnificent sunset Reservations Required. Members: Adult \$30, Children (12 and under) \$15. Nonmembers. Adult \$40. Children \$15

On-going, a self-guided adventure

MENEMSHA HILLS QUEST

MENEMSHA HILLS RESERVATION, CHILMARK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD 508/693-7662

This self-guided educational treasure hunt leads to a "treasure" box hidden on the property. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water; adventure takes 3-4 hours. Compass and Quest booklet are available at the property.

On-going, a self-guided adventure (June through November)

CAPE POGE OUEST

CAPE POGE WILDLIFE REFUGE, CHAPPAQUIDDICK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD 508/693-7662

This self-guided educational treasure hunt leads to a "treasure" box hidden on the property. 4-wheel drive vehicle and current OSV permit are required. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water; adventure takes 2-3 hours. Compass and Quest booklet are available at the property.

We want all the children of Massachusetts to know how to share the earth—not because they have

and delight with beautiful, intriguing the decades ahead, we will need all the friends we can find.



We are raising a generation of children who may love The Nature Channel but are strangers to nature itself.



Your move will help turn a generation of kids into plover lovers and star-gazers and people who walk for pleasure.



July 13 | 10AM

THE GREAT GOLDFISH RELEASE PARTY

MYTOI, CHAPPAQUIDDICK, MARTHA'S VINEYARD 508/693-7662

We will have to ousands of goldfish yearning to be thee. Come hup as release them into Myrot Pond and help out in the garden. Bring a small dip net if you have one. FREE to all

CENTRAL REGION

Saturday, September 17 | 9AM-2PM PEAKED MOUNTAIN WORKDAY

PEAKED MOUNTAIN, MONSON 978/248-9455

Turnpike. Meet in the main lot. Wear sturdy work shoes and gloves and bring a lunch.

GREATER BOSTON

Saturday, June II | 4-7PM The Ballou Brothers Band (Rhythm and Blues) July and September | Check our website or call for dates and times

SUMMER CONCERTS AT THE MUSIC COURT

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, EAST WALPOLE 508/668-6136





BASICS OF BIRDING, PART I

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This wonderful series of entertainment is organized by the Friends of Francis William Bird Park and held at the historic Music Court. Bring a picnic and blanket or chairs and relax on the lawn with family and friends! Refreshments are available. FREE to all.

Saturday, June 11 | 3-7:30PM

RIVERFEST AT THE OLD MANSE

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

Celebrate the local watershed at The Old Manse, on the banks of the Concord River. A snake demonstration, live music, and picnicking areas are all in store. FREE to all.

Saturday, June 11, July 9, August 6, September 17 | 10AM-12:30PM

PADDLING BACK IN TIME

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909 Bring or rent your own canoe or kayak for a guided trip down the Wild & Scenic Concord

River, ending at The Old Manse. See what inspired Emerson, Thoreau, and Hawthorne.

Reservations and pre-payment required. Members: Adult \$8, Child \$5, Nonmembers: Adult \$16. Child \$10.

Saturday, June 25 | 4-6PM ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, EAST WALPOLE 508/668-6136

Music, storytelling, and ice cream sundaes are on the menu as we celebrate the beginning of summer! Bring a chair or blanket to set out on the lawn, FREE to all.

Sunday, July 3, July 10 | IPM Sunday, August 21 | IPM & 3PM

LIVING HISTORY AT THE OLD MANSE

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

Enjoy three tours, where each day has a different theme. Guides will reenact a Revolutionary War character, a Hawthorne family member, and a Civil War-period inhabitant, respectively. Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$4, Child \$2. Nonmembers: Adult \$8, Child \$5.

Sundays, July 10-September 4 (except August 21) | 2-4PM

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909

PANdemonium and Friends will once again present a mix of folk music from Ireland, Scotland, French Canada, and Appalachia with some open sessions (call ahead for more information). Bring a seat, a picnic, and a friend!

Saturday, July 30 | 5-7:30PM Sunday, July 31 | 5-7:30PM SHAKESPEARE IN

THE PARK

FRANCIS WILLIAM BIRD PARK, EAST WALPOLE 508/668-6136

Presented by the Gazebo Players of Medfield, this annual outdoor theatrical event is a great time for the whole family. Bring a picnic with blankets and chairs as you enjoy The Taming of the Shrew! FREE.



Saturday, August 20 | 9AM-5PM Sunday, August 21 | 9AM-4PM

WHEN IOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME: THE OLD MANSE AND THE CIVIL WAR

THE OLD MANSE, CONCORD 978/369-3909 Join the 7th annual Civil War encampment reenactment on Saturday and period activities on Sunday. Immerse yourself in the 1860s with crafts, games, drilling and firing demonstrations, and camp life, and a Sunday afternoon music concert. Suggested donation for members and nonmembers: \$2/person or \$10/family.

NORTHEAST REGION

Sundays, June 5-October 9 | 1-5PM Wednesdays, June-August | 2-4PM

GUIDED TOURS AT THE STEVENS COOLIDGE HOUSE

THE STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE, NORTH ANDOVER 978/682-3580

Step back in time and tour this Colonial Revival estate featuring architectural and garden designs by Joseph Chandler, and the Coolidge's original collection of fine and decorative arts. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$8, Children (6-12)/ Students \$5. Groups by appointment for guided house and/or garden tours. Grounds FREE to all, 8AM-sunset.

Thursdays June 2-August 25 | 11AM HISTORIC LANDSCAPE TOURS

CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/356-4351

Take a one-hour guided walk through desired landscapes of the formal estate at Castle Hill Tours feature the landscape architecture of renowned designers Arthur Shurcliff and the

Sundays, June 5-October 9 | 1-5PM PAINE HOUSE GUIDED TOURS

GREENWOOD FARM, IPSWICH 978/356-4351

Discover this unique 1694 house on its original saltwater farm location. Tours focus on first period architecture construction, archaeology, and the Colonial Revival. Group tours available on other dates and times by appointment. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$8, Child (6-12)/Students \$5. Grounds FREE to all.

June 1-October 28, Wednesdays and Thursdays | 10AM-4PM Fridays | 9AM-12NOON **GREAT HOUSE TOURS AT**

CASTLE HILL

CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/356-4351

The 59-room English style mansion, designated a National Historic Landmark in 1998, overlooks the 2.100-acre Crane Estate and Atlantic Ocean. Members: FREE, Nonmembers: Adult \$10. Child/Senior/Student \$8.

June 1-October 28. Wednesdays and Thursdays | 10AM-4PM Fridays | 9AM-12NOON

EXHIBIT: "ILLYRIA REMEMBERED. 1928-29"

THE GREAT HOUSE AT THE CRANE ESTATE. IPSWICH 978/356-4351

Aboard his yacht, Illyria. Cornelius Crane set out on an anthropological expedition to the South Seas with a team of scientists from Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History. On exhibit for the 2005 season is a collection of photographs and memorabilia.

Cornelius Crane aboard the Illyria, while she lay in Boston Harbor before the expedition.





Forever

Of all the roles The Trustees play, stewardship is the hardest to get a stewardship defines the human conditoday more or less intact. Collectively, we are heirs to an astonishing array of natural and cultural heirlooms. Stewardship is our duty to make sure we do not leave them for the

property, discover the nesting ground

Opens June

DISPLAY: CRANE BEACH DAY BEGINNINGS

CRANE BEACH AT CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1

View photographs of the birthday celebrations thrown by Richard T. Crane in honor of his son's birthday. The birthday parties continue today, now known as Crane Beach Day.

Sunday, June 12 | 6–8PM BEACH IN BLOOM

CRANE BEACH AT CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1

View blooming wooly Hudsonia and look for newly hatched plover chicks during this walk through dune trails. This 2-mile hike is moderately strenuous. Binoculars recommended.

Please pre-register. Members: \$5. Nonmembers Adult \$10.

Saturday, June 18 | 7:30–9:30AM RARE GRASSLAND BIRDS

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978/3S6-S728 Look and listen for bobolinks, rare eastern meadowlarks and other grassland birds at one of the largest breeding sites for these birds in New England. Meet at Waldingfield Street parking area. Pre-registration required.

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adults \$5.

Saturday, June 18, July 16, August 20 | 10AM-2PM

CRANE WILDLIFE REFUGE WALK

CRANE WILDLIFE REFUGE AT CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1

Step back in time and experience this place of peace. After a short boat shuttle take a moderate 3-mile hike on gravelly terrain to the 177' summit. Bring your lunch for a picnic. Meet at the Beach gate. Boat departs at 10AM.

Pre-registration required. Members. Adult \$14.

Pre-registration required. Members. Adult \$14 Nonmembers: Adult \$20.

Saturday, June 18 | 11AM-3PM Rain Date: Sunday, June 19

4TH ANNUAL LONG HILL FAMILY PICNIC

LONG HILL, BEVERLY 978/921-1944

A perfect day to spend outside in the garden with your family! Bring a picnic and enjoy a wide range of activities guaranteed to please everyone. Come and celebrate all that Long Hill has to offer. FREE to all!

Friday, June 24 | 1–2:30PM Thursday, July 28 | 1–2:30PM Friday, August 26 | 10–11:30AM HAY HARVESTING

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978/356-5728
Make hay while the sun shines! What is the difference between first and second cut, square



Pack a picnic and bring the whole family for an evening of great entertainment on Castle Hill's seaside lawn under the stars! Members: \$15 per car. Nonmembers: \$20 per car.

July 7.....Planet Groove
Hot-Hot-Hot Latin band

July 14.....No concert

July 21Orange Crush

July 28.....Crazy Maggy

A fiddle-rock jam banc

August 4......Island Breeze
Steel pan sound of the Caribbean

August 11.....Sam Hooper Group

Award-winning blues band

August 18......Grupo Fantasia

Cuban rhythms, Latin beäts, and Salsa

August 25.....Orville Giddings Band
Rip-roaring boogie blues

and round bales, dry hay and haylage autting equipment, balers and tractors? Visit Appleton Farms during our hay days demonstrations and activities and learn the intricacies of making hay. Meet at Highland Street. Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5

Wednesday, June 29 | 7_{PM}

LECTURE: "VISUALIZING CONTACT: PHOTOGRAPHY ON THE CRANE PACIFIC EXPEDITION 1928-29"

THE GREAT HOUSE AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1

Celebrate Cornelius Crane's 100th birthday with a lecture in his honor. Virginia-Lee Webb Ph.D., NY MET, will share her extensive knowledge about the great adventures and lands explored by Cornelius Crane.

Members: \$15, Nonmembers: \$20.

Saturday, July 2, August 6, September 3 2-4PM

LANDSCAPE DISCOVERY STROLL

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978/3S6-S728

Discover unique landscapes created by the

Appleton family completed in the early 1900s. Stroll through the Grass Ride trails, along the Great Pasture, and visit the family memorials that formerly adorned Harvard's Gore Hall Library. Meet at Highland Street parking area. Please pre-register. Members: FREE Nonmembers: Adults \$5.

Sunday, July 3 | 7:30–9PM Sunday, August 7 | 7–8:30PM Sunday, September 4 | 6:30–8PM

SUNSET AT THE SEASHORE

CRANE BEACH AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S I

Join us for this special after-hours opportunity to see the beach during sunset. Meet at the Beach gate. Pre-registration required as space is limited. Members: \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$10.

Sunday, July 3 | 5-10PM (Rain Date, Monday, July 4)

INDEPENDENCE DAY CONCERT & FIREWORKS!

THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1

The Compaq Big Band and the Merimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra will perform on the Great House terrace while the Italian Garden hosts children's entertainment. Fireworks over the Atlantic Ocean make a perfect end to a great evening! Members: Adult \$10, Child \$5.

Friday, July 8, August 12, September 9 3-4:30PM

MEET THE COWS

Recommended for families.

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978/356-S728 Welcome calves! Meet heifers and cows in their pastures. Where does our milk come from? Visit the dairy barn during the milking process Space is limited. Directions sent to registrants. Pre-registration required. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5, Family \$10.

Sunday, July 10 | 8-11AM BUTTERFLIES & GRASSLAND BIRDS

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978/3S6-S728
Join expert Jim Berry to watch for fledgling bobolinks and rare Eastern meadowlarks in New England's largest grassland pasture and search for a variety of butterflies. Meet at Highland Street parking area. Pre-registration required. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.

Saturday, July 23 | 8:30–10AM TIDE POOL EXPLORATION

Recommended for families.
CRANE BEACH AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1

Exploring our rocky outcrop at low tide exposes a variety of plants and animals. See how the vegetation increases and the animals get larger as we enter the subtidal zone. Wear shoes that can get wet. Beach admission applies. Meet at

the Beach gate. Please pre-register.
Members FREE. Nonmembers Adult \$5

Wednesday, July 27 & August 24 | 8PM MUSIC AT EDEN'S EDGE

CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES IN THE BARN
THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1
Music at Eden's Edge, the North Shore's resident chamber music ensemble, will perform in the Barn. Plan to come early and picnic in the Tower Garden. Members: \$16. Nonmembers: \$22.

Thursday, July 28 | 5-8PM

A MIDSUMMER EVENING AT THE STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE

Featuring lecture by R.G. Wilson on *The Colonial Revival House*THE STEVENS-COOLIDGE PLACE,
NORTH ANDOVER 978/682-3S80

Escape to a bucolic atmosphere and enjoy a picnic supper on the lawn followed by a tented lecture by renowned architectural historian Richard Guy Wilson. Drinks available, box supper option with ticket order, books for sale/signing. The house museum will be open from 5–6:45pm for self-guided tours. Tickets: Members \$20; Nonmembers \$25. Reservations necessary, limited seating. Box supper (\$12) option upon request: order by July 18 by calling 978/356-4351.

of an endangered species, or rescue a cache of precious books from a leaky barn. "Saving" depends on all those moments—but it also requires a long-term, unglamorous daily commitment to keeping our land, buildings, objects, and archives safe and accessible to everyone, forever. Our policy of public access makes that a particularly tricky balancing act. This vital, humble work of stewardship may lack the obvious excitement of acquiring a new valley or vista. But it is equally central to our mission, and demands an intense commitment of our resources and our time.

▼ Old photographs supplied essential details for restoring the historic gardens at Naumkeag in Stockbridge.

Saturday, August 13 | 8AM-4PM (Rain date, August 14) CRANE BEACH SANDBLAST!

CRANE BEACH, IPSWICH 978/356-4351

Join us for sun, fun and the annual Crane Beach Sand Sculpture Competition! This year's theme is *Underworlds*! Join as a Master Builder, Family, Adult, Teen, Kids or Corporate/Business team. Spectators are welcome at regular beach admission.

Advance registration fee: Member Team: \$10; Nonmember Team: \$20.





Saturday, August 13 | 7PM The Taming of the Shrew Sunday, August 14 | 3PM Romeo & Juliet

SHAKESPEARE IN THE BARN

THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1
New England Shakespeare's 2005 season will present two looks at love. Come early and picnic in the Tower Garden. Members: \$12.
Nonmembers: \$16.

Sunday, August 21 | 10–12NOON BROAD MEADOW BUTTERFLIES

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON 978/3S6-S728 Discover a diversity of butterfly species! Join Sharon Stichter on the Farmlands—search for silver-bordered fritillarys, beautiful medium-sized butterflies, which are getting harder to find in Essex County. Directions sent to registrants. Pre-registration required. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$5.

Sunday, August 28 | 8:30–10:30AM MORNING SHOREBIRDS

CRANE BEACH AT THE CRANE ESTATE, IPSWICH 978/3S6-43S1

Visit one of the most important shorebird resting and feeding areas along the East Coast.



Sunday, July 10, August 14, September 11 | 3-5PM FARMSTEAD TOUR

APPLETON FARMS, IPSWICH/HAMILTON

978/356-5728

Witness the rhythms and relics of New England's oldest working farm. Walk along bucolic meadows and pastures of grazing cattle then visit historic buildings and the dairy (ordinarily closed to the public). Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adults \$5.

Discover species identification and their life history while learning about The Trustees' shore-bird protection program. This is a 2-3 mile walk in sand. Binoculars recommended, scopes welcome. Meet at the Beach gate. Please pre-register. Members FREE. Nonmembers Adult \$5.

WESTERN REGION

Thursdays, through October | 9-11:30AM
VOLUNTEER WORK PARTY

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

Help clear the Cobble of invasive species and learn to identify native plants. Fun for all!

Please call in advance. FREE.

Tuesday, June 7 | 4:30–6:30PM (No Rain Date)
BIRD WALK AND PICNIC

MOUNTAIN MEADOW PRESERVE, WILLIAMSTOWN 413/458-5150

Sponsored by Northern Berkshire Audubon and TTOR. Meet at the Mason Street parking area to explore this property. Bring a brown bag supper. Please pre-register. FREE to all.

June II | IOAM-IPM

OCTOBER MOUNTAIN CULTURAL AND NATURAL HISTORY HIKE

WASHINGTON 413/268-8219

Explore the nature and history of October Mountain with Berkshire Cultural Historian Mike Whalen and TTOR Educator Aimee Gelinas. Members & Nonmembers: \$15 per person.

Sunday, June 12 | 10-11:30AM Sunday, June 26 | 10-11:30PM

COMMON FERNS OF THE COBBLE

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600 Bartholomew's Cobble, a National Natural Landmark, is famous for its wealth of ferns—from the dainty maidenhair spleenwort to the giant ostrich fern. Learn to identify some of the more common species. Handouts and hand lenses provided. Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$4. Nonmembers: Adult \$6.

Sunday, June 12 | 1-5PM

MT. TOM NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY HIKE

LITTLE TOM, HOLYOKE

Join TTOR Educator Aimee Gelinas and Mass DCR Educator Gini Traub for a natural and cultural history hike exploring Little Tom Mountain and the trails that link it to the adjacent Mt Tom State Reservation. This hike is rated as moderate and includes some steep inclines and unstable footing. Program limited to 20 participants. Please call Ivelisse Vicente at 413/532-1631, x13 to register.

Sundays, June 19 & 26 | 8:30-11:30AM Saturdays, July 2-16 | 8:30-11:30AM Sundays, July 31-August 21 | 8:30-11:30AM Saturday, September 3 | 9AM-12NOON Labor Day, September 5 | 9AM-12NOON

NATURAL HISTORY CANOETRIP ON THE HOUSATONIC RIVER

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600 Paddle the winding Housatonic River with a naturalist/guide and look for wildlife. Bring a hat, sunscreen, water, and binoculars. Buy a family membership the day of the tour and get 2 adult tickets for the price of one. Please preregister. Members: Adult \$20, Child (10-16) \$10. Nonmembers: Adult \$30, Child (10-16) \$15.

Sunday, June 19 | I I AM-IPM (No Rain Date) BUTTERFLY WALK

MOUNTAIN MEADOW PRESERVE, WILLIAMSTOWN 413/4S8-S1S0

Sponsored by Northern Berkshire Audubon and TTOR. Meet at the Mason Street parking area to learn about butterflies and their ecology. Leader Pam Weatherbee.

Please pre-register. FREE to all.

Saturday, June 25 & August 27 | 10:30AM-12NOON Sunday, July 24 | 10:30AM-12NOON INCREDIBLE INSECTS

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600 A fun-filled search for beautiful, bountiful insects. Strictly catch and release! Wear long pants and socks. Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$4, Child (4-16) \$4, Family \$12. Nonmembers: Adult \$6, Child (4-16) \$6, Family \$18.

Saturdays, June 25–October 15 | 12NOON–5PM

THE FOLLY AT FIELD FARM OPEN FOR THE SEASON

FIELD FARM, WILLIAMSTOWN 413/298-8123
Guided house tours of an architectural gem built in 1966. Modern sculpture in the gardens.

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5, Child (6-12) \$3.

Sunday, June 26 | IPM-2PM DINOSAUR TRACKS!

DINOSAUR FOOTPRINTS, HOLYOKE 413/298-3239

Make tracks for a tour of our most "prehistoric" property. The program, geared toward children, will explore the myth and science surrounding dinosaurs. We'll make our own dinosaur tracks so dress appropriately. Please pre-register.

Limited to 15 children. FREE to all.





BEVERLY 978/921-1944

Tuesday, June 21 | 10AM-12NOON

CUTTINGS FROM PROPAGATING SPECIES AZALEAS

Species azaleas feature graceful blossoms and sweet fragrances Long Hill proposation will help you take cuttings from our celebrated collection and prepare them for successful rooting. The same process can be applied to many different woody plan Please pre-register. Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$35.

Tuesday, July 19 | 5:30-7:30PM

LAYING STONE

Learn the basics of laying bluestone, brick, fieldstone, or pavers. We will demonstrate and then allow some hands-on experience with each of these materials. Garden path design and construction will also be discussed. Participants should bring a level and gloves and wear comfortable clothes. Please pre-register. Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$35.

Tuesday, August 16 | 5:30-7:30PM

TROUGH MAKING

Participants will each create a lightweight, weatherproof, stone trough after an instructive demonstration. These specialized containers for perennials, dwarf shrubs, and alpines can endure a New England winter. You will be sent a list of common household items to Ou. This workshop fills quickly. Register soon! Members: \$25. Nonmembers: \$35. bring with

Tuesday, September 13 | 10AM

LECTURE: "AUTUMN SPLENDOR INTHE GARDEN" BY KATHY TRACEY

In this slide lecture Kathy Tracey will share thoughts and images of the best fall annuals, perennials, trees and shrubs. You will be soarked to create your garden's grand finale and extend your season of outdoor enjoyment. Please pre-register. Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$30.

Saturday, July 9 | 10AM FINDING SIGNS OF AN INDUSTRIAL PAST ALONG A WOODLAND TRAIL

MONUMENT MOUNTAIN, GREAT BARRINGTON 413/298-3239

Historian Bernard Drew will lead a guided hike up Monument Mountain, describing its long history. Moderate hiking required. FREE.

Saturday, July 9 | 10AM-12NOON SURVIVE AT NOTCHVIEW!

NOTCHVIEW, WINDSOR 413/298-3239

With Naturalist Jesse James Hadcock see the natural world through the eyes of prehistoric Massachusetts people. Learn how to build a shelter, identify wild edibles, and make simple meals from them. Please pre-register.

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5, Child \$3.

From managing land and visitors, to and our results. At the same time, we are expanding programs that allow us to share our expertise, so we can help local land trusts and other groups succeed in the complicated business of "saving" special places not only for today but forever.



Ultimately, the only thing as damaging as haphazard development is haphazard protection and maintenance.



Your move will help The Trustees extend our tradition of exemplary stewardship for generations to come.

Sundays in July | 2-3PM

MUSIC IN THE GARDENS

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413/298-3239

Enjoy performances in the Afternoon Gaiden Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$10, Child (6-12) \$3 (includes tour of the house).

July 3.....Teresa Mango
Enjoy the serenity as she performs on the harp

July 17......Jon Suters
Classical guitar performance

July 24..... Jose Garcia and Polly Mann Renaissance and Baroque duets

July 31.....Berkshire Fiddlers 8- to 13-year-olds perform Insh and Scottish tunes

Saturday, July 9 | 10AM-12NOON

INCREDIBLE INSECTS: CHILDREN'S ECOLOGY PROGRAM

BRYANT HOMESTEAD, CUMMINGTON 413/634-2244
A fun-filled search for beautiful, bountiful insects. Strictly catch and release! Wear long pants and socks. Members: Adult FREE (when accompanied by child), Child \$2. Nonmembers: Adult FREE (when accompanied by child), Child \$4.
All children must be accompanied by an adult.

July 9th | 10AM-12NOON

THE GEOLOGY OF CHESTERFIELD GORGE

CHESTERFIELD 413/268-8219

Learn about the environmental history and unique geologic features on this easy walk along Chesterfield Gorge with Richard Little. Members & Nonmembers: \$10 per person.

Sundays, July 10 & August 7 | 10:30AM-12NOON

SNAKE SEARCH AND FROG FIND

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600 Search the Cobble with a wide-eyed naturalist guide. Learn about the habits and homes of these animals. Please pre-register. Members. Adult \$4, Child (4-16) \$4, Family \$12 Nonmembers: Adult \$6, Child (4-16) \$6, Family \$18.

Mondays, July 11, July 18, July 25 & August 1 | 2PM

MONDAY AFTERNOON IN THE GARDENS

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413/298-3239

Enjoy a guided walk through Naumkeag's famed gardens. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$8, Child (6-12)\$3. FREE with paid house tour (Adult \$10)



Friday, July 29 | 6-9PM

THE GARDEN PARTY AT NAUMKEAG

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413/298-3239

Cocktails at sunset, an excellent buffet, music, fireworks and Silent Auction benefit the restoration projects of the Stockbridge Properties Committee.

Please call for more information.

Reservations required.

Sunday, July 17 | 1-3PM

GORGE DISCOVERY DAY FOR KIDS

CHESTERFIELD GORGE, WEST CHESTERFIELD 413/298-3239

A great family activity. We'll see what we can find swimming, clinging and growing both in and out of the Wild and Scenic Westfield River. Come prepared to get wet! Meet at the Gorge. Please pre-register. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$3, Child FREE.

Saturday, July 23 | 8:30AM-2:30PM Sunday, August 28 | 8:30AM-2:30PM

CANOE TRIP - SHEFFIELD COVERED BRIDGE TO BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600 Explore an extraordinarily scenic 9-mile stretch of the Housatonic River—rich with wildlife and local history. Bring a picnic lunch. Minimum: 7 participants. Please pre-register.

Members: Adult \$45, Child (12-16) \$25. Nonmembers: Adult \$65, Child (12-16) \$35.

Saturday, July 30 | 10:30AM-12NOON LIVE BIRDS OF PREY WITH TOM RICARDI

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

Wildlife rehabilitator and former state wildlife biologist Tom Ricardi shows his collection hawks, falcons, owls and a bald eagle—up close and personal—and tells the story of their lives. Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$8, Child (4-16) \$4, Family, \$20. Nonmembers: Adult \$10, Child (4-16) \$5, Family \$25.

Mondays, August 8, 15, 22, 29 | 2PM MONDAY AFTERNOON IN THE GARDENS: A CHILD'S EYE VIEW

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413/298-3239

Enjoy a guided walk through Naumkeag's famed gardens, geared toward children but fun for everyone. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$8, Child (6-12) \$3. FREE with paid house tour (Adult \$10).

Saturday, August 13 | 7:30–9PM NIGHTTIME INSECTS

BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, SHEFFIELD 413/229-8600

The night is alive with insects, easily discovered with a black light and vapor light. Join two Berkshire entomologists and discover another world after dark. Please pre-register. Members: Adult \$4, Child (4-16) \$4, Family \$12. Nonmembers: Adult \$6, Child (4-16) \$6, Family \$18.

Sunday, August 21 | 1–3PM TREE ID WITH A DICHOTOMOUS KEY

NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION, WINDSOR 413/298-3239
During this adult-oriented program you'll learn some new vocabulary and how to use a dichotomous key—then head off on a gentle walk to practice your new skills. Bring a hand lens if you have one. Please pre-register, limited to 20 participants. Members: FREE.

Nonmembers: Adult \$3, Child \$1.

Saturday, August 27 | I-4PM NAUMKEAG FARM DAY

NAUMKEAG, STOCKBRIDGE 413/298-3239

Yee haw! Country music, ice cream, farm animals, pony rides, and crafts for the kiddies. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$20 per car.*

Saturday, September 17 | 9AM-3PM LESSONS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS: STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL, HUNTINGTON 413/268-8219

The 3rd regional conference of The Trustees' Highland Communities Initiative, featuring informative sessions on alternative energy, community outreach, fiscal impacts of conservation, and many more! Members & Nonmembers: \$20.





CUMMINGTON 413/634-2244

Sunday, June 12 | 1-3PM

SPRING RIVULET TRAIL WALK & POETRY READING

Walking through the Old Growth Forest, enjoy Bryant's poetry about spring and his enchanting observations of the natural world. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$4, Child (6-12) \$2.*

Friday, June 24 | 1-5PM

OPENING OF THE WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT HOMESTEAD

Guided historic house tours are offered Friday through Sunday, June 24 through Labor Day; Saturday and Sunday, Labor Day through Columbus Day; Monday holidays included. *Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5, Child \$2.50.*

Friday, June 24- Columbus Day | 1-5PM

EXHIBIT: POET & PRESERVATIONIST—WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

Exhibit on Bryant's life and career as a poet and preservationist, exploring his love of America's 19th century landscape, particularly his beloved hilltown retreat. Friday through Sunday, June 24 through Labor Day; Saturday and Sunday, Labor Day through Columbus Day; Monday holidays included. *FREE to all.*

Saturday-Sunday, July 16-17 | 10AM-5PM (rain or shine)

20TH ANNUAL BRYANT HOMESTEAD CRAFT FESTIVAL

Juried high quality crafters, craft demonstrations, bands, children's activities, costumed guides, tea on the verandah, food court, historic house & Rivulet Trail tours. Members: Adult \$4, Child (under 12) FREE. Nonmembers: Adult \$5, Child (under 12) FREE.

Sunday, July 31 | 3-4:30PM

CONCERT ON THE LAWN: GREENWOOD MUSIC CAMP

Join the talented students of the Greenwood Music Camp, Cummington, for a musical afternoon on the beautiful Homestead lawn overlooking the Westfield River Valley, FREE to all.

Saturday, August 13 | 10AM-12NOON

MARY'S MEMORIES: AN 1860'S CHILDHOOD

Meet Mary Dawes who lived 150 years ago. Reading stories from Mary's memoirs, history comes alive. Visit her home and school, learn about her chores, play her games! Write your own memories! Ages 7+. Please pre-register. Limit 15 children. Members: Adult FREE (when accompanied by child), Child \$5. Nonmembers: Adult FREE (when accompanied by child), Child \$8. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



The work ahead

In the business of conservation, the clock is always ticking. By definition, there has never been a more important time for the work we do. Fortunately, we have never been better prepared to do it.

The Trustees come to this capital campaign from a position of unprecedented strength and opportunity. We have never known more about how to acquire and manage natural and cultural treasures. Our staff and volunteers represent the greatest depth and breadth of talent and vision in our history. We can also count on the growing strength of our membership, which has soared from 2,400 in 1980 to more than 40,000 today. We add to all these strengths our increasing experience in developing the complex



HINGHAM 781/740-7233

Saturdays, June through August | 12-3PM

OPEN BARNYARD AT WEIR RIVER FARM

Bring your family for an afternoon with the horses, llamas, sheep and other animals. Staff is on hand to lead informal tours and answer questions. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3.

Saturday, June 11 | 9AM-2PM (Rain Date, June 18)

WEIR RIVER FARM WORKDAY

Join us to get the farm and surrounding trails ready for the busy summer season. Lunch provided. Please pre-register. FREE to all.

(age 5) June 27-July 1 | 9AM-12NOON; Afternoon Session 1-4PM

(age 6) July 11-15 | 9AM-12NOON; Afternoon Session 1-4PM

(age 7) July 18-22 | 9AM-12NOON; Afternoon Session 1-4PM

(ages 8-10) July 25-29 | 9AM-12NOON

FARM HANDS SUMMER PROGRAM

Children will enjoy a hands-on adventure while they learn about all spects of this special place. Farm chores, vegetable planting and summer memories await!

Please pre-register by calling 781/740-4796, Members: \$100. Nonmembers: \$120.

Tuesday, July 5 | 12-3PM

MID WEEK SPECIAL-OPEN BARNYARD

After celebrating Independence Day, bring the whole gang down for a special mid-week pack at the animal. Members: FREE Normanibers, § 3.

Thursday July 1 | PAM-12NOON

LITTLE FARMERS (age 4)

Get your preschooler excited for the mandar rogram next year with this one-day, drop off session. We will next the animal, read scries and do a farm-related craft.

Please pre-register by calling 78,0740-4796. Members: \$20. Nonmembers: \$25

Wednesdays, August 10, 17, 24 / 10-1 AM

OUTDOOR STORY HOUR AT WEIR RIVER FARM (ages 2-5)

Barnyard stories content to the way for purschooler gets to meet the main characters!

Space limited. Please pre-register. Nembers: FREE. Nonmembers: \$3 admission to barnyard.

SOUTHEAST REGION

Fridays | 9:30-10:30AM

SENIOR WALKING CLUB

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM

Join other seniors for an invigorating walk around stunning World's End. All abilities welcome. Walks take place rain or shine. FREE admission to all.

Saturday June 18, June 25, or July 16 9-10:30AM

INTRODUCTION TO GPS NAVIGATION

Sponsored by EMS-Hingham WORLD'S END, HINGHAM

World's End sounds like the perfect place to get lost but EMS will provide a GPS unit and instructions to ensure you stay on track! Adults only. Please pre-register by calling 781/740-4796. Members: FREE. Nonmembers: Admission to

Saturday, June 11 | 10AM-12NOON DISCOVERING EASTOVER FARM

EASTOVER FARM S08/679-2115

Experience one of The Trustees' newest properties with Superintendent Mike Labossiere. FREE to all.

Wednesdays, June 15, 22, 29 | 10–11AM OUTDOOR STORY HOUR AT WORLD'S END (ages 2-5)

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM

What a magical place to enjoy a story! Your preschooler will feel the breeze blow, smell the ocean and hear the birds. Space limited. Please pre-register by calling 781/749-4796.

Members: FREE. Nonmembers: admission to World's End.

Saturday, June 18 | 7-9PM SUMMER SOLSTICE BY CANDLELIGHT

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE 508/679-2115

Take a twilight walk down Miller Lane lit by candle lanterns of your creation. FREE to all.

Tuesday, June 21 | 6-8:30PM

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

WORLD'S END, HINGHAM

Join our annual celebration of the summer solstice at World's End! Bring family, friends and picnic supper. We provide drinks, dessert, live music and activities for the kids.

Members: Adult \$5. Nonmembers: Adult \$10;

All Children (12 and under) FREE.

Saturday, July 23 | 9AM-12NOON CANOE TOUR OF THE SLOCUM'S RIVER

SLOCUM'S RIVER RESERVE, DARTMOUTH 508/679-2115

Explore natural history by canoe in the marshes and meadows along the Slocum's River: Pre-registration is required. Men bers. \$5 Nonnembers. \$15

Saturday, July 30 | 9-11AM MOWRY PATH

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE S08/679-211S

From Fighting Rock to Bell Rock, Queen Gutter Brook to Dr. Durfee's Mill Pond, come explore

(age 5) August 1-5 | 9AM-12NOON (age 6) August 8-12 | 9AM-12NOON (age 7) August 15-19 | 9AM-12NOON (ages 8-10) August 22-26 | 9AM-12NOON

YOUNG ECOLOGISTS SUMMER PROGRAM

WORLD'S END. HINGHAM, WHITNEY & THAYER WOODS, HINGHAM/COHASSET 781/740-4796 Calling all young scientists. Your help is needed field and forest. Please pre-register. Members. \$100. Nonmembers: \$120

Saturday, August 6 | 1-3PM **MEDICINAL PLANTS**

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE S08/679-211S

Learn about wild medicinal plants and indigenous spirituality with Native American poet and storyteller "Words in the Wind," FREE to all.



Saturday, August 20 | 9-11AM

BUTTERFLIES AND DRAGONFLIES

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS BIORESERVE 508/679-2115

Get an up close look at these winged wonders with Mark Mello from the Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies, FREE to all.

Search for our events online visit us at www.thetrustees.org!

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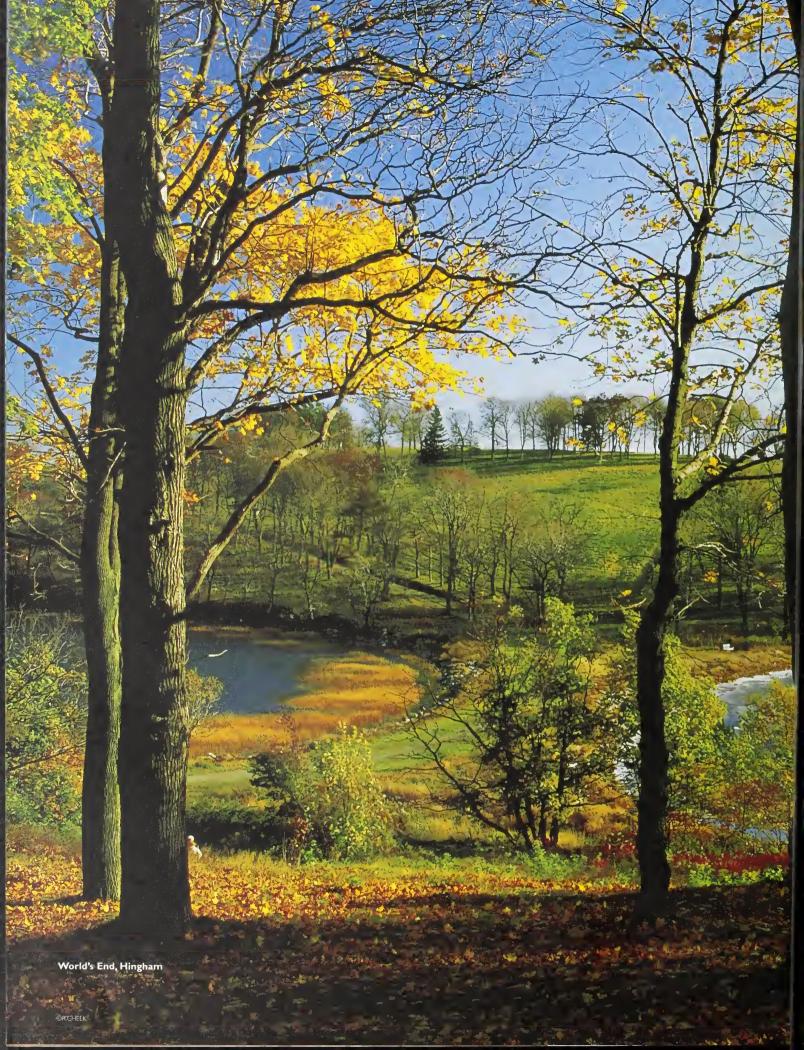
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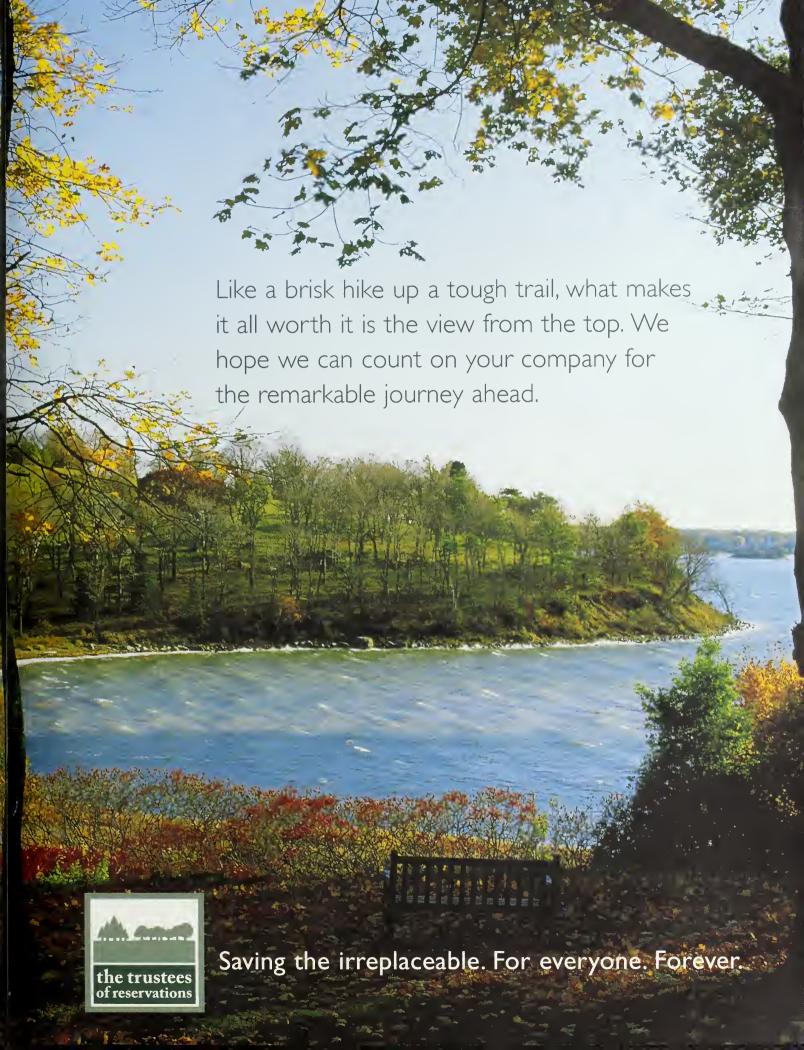


Thousands of acres now in friendly hands could be lost to development in a decade.



Your move to support this bold campaign will help us work with and strengthen the entire conservation community, together preserving the landscapes we can't live without-for everyone, forever.







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